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ORAL QUESTION (O-18/83)

with debate pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure
by Mr CAROSSINO, Mr FANTI, Mr GOUTHIER, Mr VERONESI and
Mr CERAVOLO to the Council of the European Communities

Subject : Rail tariffs and the port of Trieste

Having regard to the crisis currently affecting the port of
Trieste and the importance that the Community should attach
to its revival;

whereas this crisis is aggravated by the existing discrim-
inatory situation brought about by the preferential tariffs
applied to transport by rail to the Hanseatic ports and
whereas this situation is helping to weaken Trieste's role
as a central European port;

whereas the Treaty of Rome makes provision for such preferential
tariffs and the Commission has repeatedly declared that they
do not violate the Community rules on competition insofar as
the prices are based on competition between modes of transport
with particular respect to the transportation of large
containers in block trains;

whereas there is no historical or geographical reason why the
port of Trieste should not be granted the same rights as the
Hanseatic ports;

Does not the Council consider that a protocol should be
negotiated to put an end to this abnormal situation?